

City of Lewiston Press Release

Members of the Media: Below please find a press release noting that the **Lewiston Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) will be hosting an October 6, 2011, Mayoral debate; all five candidates have confirmed their attendance. The media is encouraged to attend.** Public access will be on Time Warner Channel 7 and through Great Falls TV live streaming. Thanks, Dottie

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LEWISTON: **The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) will be hosting a Mayoral Debate at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 6th, 2011, at Lewiston City Hall. Public access to the debate will be available via Great Falls TV Time Warner Channel 7 and through live streaming at www.greatfallstv.net** The debate will also be taped for rebroadcast on Great Falls TV.

All five candidates vying for the Office of Lewiston Mayor have confirmed their attendance: **Walter Morrisette Hill, Ronald W. Jean, Robert E. Macdonald, Mark W. Paradis, and Stanley P. Pelletier.**

The youth council was asked to host the debate during their August 2011 orientation by LYAC Liaison Councilor John Butler, ***"We had eight returning youth council members and four new members, and I thought a debate would give them an opportunity to effectively work together right off the bat. It will also provide members of the public with further insight into the viewpoints of the Mayoral candidates."***

Kenzi Masselli, Chair of LYAC, will chair the event, and other members of the youth council will ask the candidates five questions—with each candidate having the opportunity to answer one of the questions first. Candidates will have three minutes to answer each question. During the debate, each candidate will also have the opportunity to give two-minute opening and closing remarks. Chip Morrison, President of the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce, will serve as moderator.

The youth council quickly embraced the idea of a Mayoral debate during orientation, as well as set their agenda for their 2011-2012 tenure. In addition to the debate, they will focus on ideas to help revitalize Pierce Street Park; create awareness about locations to positively tout in Lewiston, host a teen talent event; and advocate recycling.

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